

SENATOR DEFENDS CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Bill for National Bureau of Health Is Denounced.

Senator John D. Works, of California, made a speech in the United States Senate yesterday, in which he defended Christian Science, and told his colleagues how he and members of his family had been healed of their infirmities, and how, after physicians had failed to cure him, he had recourse to Christian Science and was healed.

The Senator told how his wife, after five years of suffering, was healed in three treatments by Christian Science, and that finally his son had been cured of the drink habit, and for seven years had been an abstainer from alcoholic beverages.

The Senator's frank avowal of his faith in the efficacy of Christian Science treatment and his recital of his family experiences surprised and interested his colleagues. The Senator from California was speaking in opposition to a bill introduced by Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, creating a department of public health.

The galleries showed a fair representation of Christian Science followers, who came with full knowledge in advance as to the character of the speech. They showed their appreciation of the Senator's treatment of Christian Science by smiles and nods of approval.

Senator Works was heartily congratulated by his colleagues, Senator Clapp, of Minnesota, at the conclusion. The Senator from Minnesota is a regular attendant at the Christian Science Church in Washington, and has been a believer in the Christian Science faith for many years, his confidence in it being based on his own experiences in being cured of an aggravated case of rheumatism that had defied medical skill.

The Senator from California declared that the bill to create a department of public health was designed to create a "doctors' trust." His opposition to the measure is shared by all of the Christian Scientists of the country, who have been petitioning Congress in opposition to the Owen bill.

Senator Owen interrupted Senator Works to express his faith in Christian Science as a means of healing the sick. He frankly avowed his belief that in a number of instances it had worked miraculous cures, after other agencies had failed, but he insisted that the bill for a public health department would not encroach upon Christian Science, and suggested that Senator Works should give such a department an opportunity to conduct an investigation into the efficacy of Christian Science healing.

The Senator from California replied that he would be glad to have a committee of doctors pass upon the efficacy of Christian Science if they would approach the subject in an unbiased way, but he expressed doubt of the ability of the average doctor to do so.

CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFS.

Senator Shively, of Indiana, from the Committee on Census, reported to the Senate the bill creating a census bureau, which passed the House June 28 last. The bill as it passed the House appropriated \$2,000,000. The Senate added \$100,000.

There is a curiosity among Senators and Representatives to know who the Senate has just authorized an expenditure of \$200,000 a year to pay the salary of an attorney for the Government Printing Office, to be employed by the joint committee on Printing. The need of such an officer has not been made clear to members of Congress generally.

Citizens of Brooklyn laid formal complaints against the postal service in that city before the House Committee on Expenditures in the Post-Office Department. The claims were submitted by Representative Bedford, of Brooklyn, who is a member of the committee.

A bill introduced in the House by Representative Hobson, of Alabama, proposes the erection of a national highway from Niagara Falls, N. Y., to New Orleans, to be known as the Clay-Jackson memorial highway, and authorizes a centennial celebration of the battle of New Orleans, to begin July 8, 1915.

Senator Grimes, of North Dakota, addressed the Senate for more than three hours in opposition to the Canadian railway bill. He had not completed at 5 o'clock, and the Senate permitted him to suspend until today, and then, after a brief executive session, adjourned. In the executive session a number of nominations were confirmed, among them that of Guy D. Goff, of Milwaukee, to be United States attorney for the Western district of Wisconsin, and Harry D. Weil, to be United States marshal.

ALABAMA TO BE DIVIDED FOR PATRONAGE PURPOSE

Settlement of Row Which Threatened to Involve Postmaster General and Secretary Hilles.

Ever since Charles D. Hilles became Secretary to President Taft, Washington political observers have realized the possibility of rivalry between him and Postmaster General Hitchcock in handling the political affairs of the administration. This situation was reflected in reports circulated yesterday that Hilles and Mr. Hitchcock were at odds over the distribution of Federal patronage in Alabama. The warring Republican factions from that State themselves appeared in Washington and willingly pushed along the idea of the rivalry.

Both of the supposed principals to the controversy, however, denied that they were concerned in it, and Postmaster General Hitchcock reiterated his statement that he is not attempting to mix politics and his administration of the Post-Office Department.

The Alabama politicians came to Washington yesterday at the bidding of President Taft, who has become weary of their bickering. This is the outline of the rumormongering: J. O. Thompson, collector of internal revenue in Alabama, had been recognized for eight years as referee of the Federal patronage in that State. This was largely during the Roosevelt administration. When President Taft assumed office, however, another "boss" was chosen to rule with Thompson. The second choice was Maj. P. D. Barker, postmaster at Mobile and Republican national committeeman.

These two men were jointly to recommend the faithful of their party in their State for Federal plums. The scheme worked well for a time, but about eight months ago Thompson's power began to wane, and he found that the administration was listening only to the recommendations of Barker. After commencing with himself a reasonable length of time, Mr. Thompson became convinced that he was

URGENT DEFICIENCY BILL IS REPORTED

Amounts Increased to Grand Total of \$213,031.

The urgent deficiency appropriation measure of the present extra session of Congress, which passed the House carrying a total of \$13,550, was reported to the Senate yesterday by Senator Warren, chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

While in the hands of the Senate Committee the amounts carried in the measure were increased to a grand total of \$213,031. Among the items added is a provision for the new office of attorney at the Government Printing Office, the incumbent of which is to receive a salary of 1,000 a year. The Joint Committee on Printing is given power to make the appointment.

The Senate Committee left intact the House provision giving the contagious disease service of the District health department an extra \$300 to cover expenses during the last month of the fiscal year, which closed July 1.

An expenditure of \$23 is authorized for special emergency repairs to the Court of Claims building.

Various amounts are provided to meet the extra expenses of the Senate incident to the special session of Congress, including \$4,000 for the wages of pages and \$15,000 for miscellaneous expenses. The sum of \$15,000 is carried in the bill for the completion of the construction of a general supply depot at Fort Mason, Cal., and for the construction of wharves for four transports.

PLAN TO ABANDON MANY NAVY YARDS

Department Believes Three Will Be Sufficient.

Preliminary to its plan to abolish all save three navy yards on the Atlantic Coast, the Navy Department has called for detailed reports of the work now being done at the various yards, and, on the other hand, delegations have already begun to protest against the abolition of any yard now in existence.

The Norfolk and Brooklyn yards are regarded as having the better chances for retention. There will be one other favored city, if Secretary Meyer has his way in maintaining but three yards on either coast. Strenuous opposition in Congressional circles is bound to meet a proposition to abandon any of the present yards and arsenals, but the Secretary has told the House committee investigating the Navy Department that only by a concentration of naval equipment and facilities can the best service be attained.

The department has already begun to reduce forces at the New Orleans and Pensacola yards, and Congressional delegations called upon Assistant Secretary Winthrop yesterday to interpose objections.

While the abandonment details have not been worked out by the department, and while the yards that are to go have not yet been selected, it is learned that the Navy Department has ordered the commandant of each yard to send a detailed statement of the work now being done, a list of the equipment and supplies, and all other information that may aid the department in determining which three yards are to be kept in operation under the reorganization plan.

Stimson Sails for Panama. Secretary of War Stimson sailed from New York yesterday for Panama accompanied by Mrs. Stimson, Gen. C. R. Edwards, chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, and his secretary, Walter R. Fegido. They will also visit San Domingo, Porto Rico, and Havana. The Secretary returns to Washington August 15.

Paymaster's Clerk Retired. William A. Hones, an army paymaster's clerk, has been placed on the retired list. He was found to be unfit for active service on account of physical disability.

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IMPATIENT OVER DELAY.

Senator Cummins Demands Report of the Monetary Commission.

Impatience over the delay of the National Monetary Commission, of which former Senator Nelson W. Aldrich is chairman, to make a report of its investigations and its recommendations of a new plan of currency reform was voiced yesterday by Senator Cummins, of Iowa, when the Senate met.

He desired to know from the chairman of the Finance Committee when a report was expected, saying that a commission organized three years ago should be almost ready to report. He said he thought it was time to relieve the Treasury of the United States of the burden of this commission.

Chairman Fenwick said his information was that the report would be made to Congress in December next, but promised to call a meeting of the Finance Committee next week to take up the Cummins bill proposing to discharge the commission following its report.

Wood to Inspect Fort. Maj. Gen. Wood, Chief of Staff, U. S. A., left Washington last night for Portland, Me., to inspect the coast defenses. He will also visit the fortifications at Portsmouth, N. H., and sail next Monday for Panama.

ARMY ORDERS.

Leave of absence for one month and twenty days is granted First Lieut. JOSEPH E. MYERS, Third Field Artillery.

Leave of absence for one month and ten days is granted Maj. ANDREW HERO, Jr., Coast Artillery Corps.

Leave of absence for two months, to take effect on or about July 15, 1911, is granted Maj. CARL REICHMANN, General Staff.

Leave of absence from August 15 to August 21, 1911, is granted Capt. OWEN G. COLLINS, Coast Artillery Corps.

Leave of absence for ten days, to take effect upon duty at Fort Mifflin, Pa., is granted Second Lieut. WILLARD K. RICHARDS, Coast Artillery Corps.

NAVAL ORDERS.

Rear Admiral R. P. COMBES, detached duty navy yard, Philadelphia, Pa.; to leave.

Lieut. Commander G. C. DAY, to duty in charge publicity bureau and navy recruiting station, New York, N. Y.

Lieut. H. E. COOK, detached duty works Bethlehem Steel Company, South Bethlehem, Pa.; to duty Mayflower as executive and navigator.

Lieut. W. BROWN, Jr., detached duty Montana; to duty as add to commandant, navy yard, New York, N. Y.

Ensign J. H. CONDETT, retired, placed upon the retired list of officers of the navy from June 30, 1911.

Middleton A. McILWAIN, detached duty South Dakota; to duty Wichita.

Middleton A. McILWAIN, to duty naval hospital, Washington, D. C., for treatment.

Middleton A. McILWAIN, Jr., when discharged transferred naval hospital, Boston, Mass., to duty Wisconsin.

MARINE CORPS ORDERS.

Lieut. Col. R. H. FULLER, granted leave of absence for one month from date of acceptance.

Second Lieut. W. D. BROWN, detached marine barracks, San Francisco, to marine barracks, Mare Island.

Capt. O. M. RINGDALE, granted leave of absence for two months.

Capt. H. D. SOUTH, granted extension of leave for two months.

First Lieut. WARD ELLIS, detached marine barracks, Mare Island, to U. S. S. South Carolina.

First Lieut. W. D. BROWN, detached marine barracks, San Francisco, to marine barracks, Mare Island.

First Lieut. R. G. BARNETT, detached marine barracks, Philadelphia, to duty U. S. S. Albatross.

First Lieut. J. H. BROWN, detached marine barracks, Boston, to U. S. S. Albatross.

First Lieut. J. A. MORRISON, detached marine barracks, New York, to U. S. S. Albatross.

First Lieut. E. W. STURTEVANT, Jr., detached U. S. S. Albatross, to U. S. S. Albatross.

Second Lieut. E. A. FRANKS, detached Fourth Experimental Regiment and marine barracks, Norfolk, to U. S. S. Rhode Island.

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